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To: District/Regional and All Field Office FMO's
From: DSD, Support Services
Subject: New Three Letter Agency Designator for Bishop Field Office

This IB is released to inform you that BLM has received approval for a new 3 letter Agency Designator. The new designator is OVD, for the Bishop Field Office, Bishop, California, part of the Bakersfield District.

The Bakersfield District is unique to California since it has two Interagency Communication Centers, one in Bishop, California, and the other in Porterville, California. Over the past few years mobilization and demobilization of resources from the Bishop Field Office has been problematic. They shared the same 3 letter agency designator as the Bakersfield District resources and often times were demobilized back to Bakersfield, California, when their actual mobilization/demobilization point was Reno, Nevada or Bishop, California.

Another benefit will be in the training and fire qualifications arena. The BLM has been directed to be fully implemented in ROSS and soon IQCS and having a unique 3 letter designator for the Bishop Field Office resources will greatly enhance the capability of the home unit in keeping timely and accurate individual records in ROSS and IQCS.

Effective immediately, if not all ready accomplished, all Bishop Field Office fire apparatus should remove the BBD Agency Designator and replace it with the new OVD designator. The alpha numeric numbering system will remain the same, an example is:

CA BBD E-3130 will now be identified as, CA OVD E-3130

Please ensure that the State policy on Fire Apparatus Identification is followed regarding placement, location, size and color of lettering.

Please direct any questions to Les Matarazzi, DOI Coordinator, Southern California Coordination Center, at 909-320-6145 or Gary Cardoza, Branch of Fire and Aviation Management, at 916-978-4434.

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